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Adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 1972, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Manager Ferraro; City Treasurer Rupert.

Mayor Miller directed that the first order of business be:

COMMISSION MATTERS:

9. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS.

The following applicants were present to outline their qualifications and formally request a Commission appointment:

Traffic Commission: Ronald Angell, Philip Keller, Robert Kennel, Robert McLemore, Wilhelm Pickens, and Alfred Smalley.

Water Commission: David Cargan.

At 6:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session for Commission appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:15 P.M., and Mayor Miller announced the following appointments, and extended the Council's congratulations to:

Traffic Commission: Mr. Wilhelm (Bill) Pickens.

Water Commission: Mr. David Cargan.

Further action was taken by way of MOTION by Councilman Brewster that Council concur with the recommendation of the Water Commission that Commissioner Lowell L. O'Brien be appointed to represent Torrance as a member of the Board of Directors of the West Basin Water Association. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Russ Thor led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Reverend Wally Kornegay, First Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of September 12, 1972 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation Committee:

Councilman Surber reported on September 25th meeting with Mr. Al Levitt and associates re: Jefferson Lease #6, as directed by Council. As a result of this discussion, Mr. Levitt is formulating a new offer for increased rents which will be presented to the Committee on Monday, October 2nd -- Mr. Surber then advised that it is the Transportation Committee's recommendation that the subject matter be continued to Tuesday, October 3, 1972. Councilman Surber MOVED to concur with the Committee's recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he agrees with this delay primarily because it is a new concept.

Legislative Liaison Committee:

Councilman Sciarrotta requested a meeting of this Committee -- the date selected was Tuesday, October 3rd, at 8:30 A.M. (Note: Hour revised to 8:00 A.M. later in the meeting -- see Page 10.)

Mr. Sciarrotta requested that Assistant City Manager Scharfman, a Traffic Department representative, and a Traffic Commissioner also be in attendance at the October 3rd meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee - Community Council on Campuses:

Councilman Armstrong reported that meetings are underway, and a formal report will be made in the near future.

The request of the City Attorney for an Executive Session at the conclusion of tonight's agenda -- to discuss current litigation -- was noted at this time.

PRESENTATIONS:

10. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE to William R. Burchfield, former member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission, for his seven years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, expressed appreciation for Mr. Burchfield's varied areas of service to the City, in addition to his tenure on the Torrance Beautiful Commission. There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Burchfield.

11. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE to Elvin F. Schoonover, former member of the Emergency Preparedness Commission, for his fourteen years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Miller presented the permaplaque recognition to the gentleman he could identify only as "Schoony", and lauded his lifetime of dedication to Torrance. Mr. Schoonover indicated his pleasure in having so served, and expressed his pleasure at such a tribute.

COMMENDATIONS:

12. COMMENDING MR. GENE C. BARNETT for his accomplishment in becoming a Registered Recreator in the State of California, and a member of the California Park and Recreation Society.

Director of Recreation Van Bellehem introduced Mr. Gene Barnett and lauded his achievement represented by the title "Registered Recreator" -- there being only some 1500 "Registered Recreators" in the State of California since 1955.

Mr. Barnett gratefully acknowledged the foregoing commendation, and indicated his pleasure at serving the City of Torrance as a Recreation Supervisor.

PROCLAMATIONS:

13. "Torrance P-T-A Membership Enrollment Week" - October 2-6, 1972.

Mrs. Arthur Brown was present to accept the subject Proclamation, as proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

14. "Greek Festival Days" - October 7 and 8, 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller -- representatives from the Philoptochos Society of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church were present to extend a cordial invitation to their annual Greek Festival Days.

15. "Toastmasters Month".- October 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

16. STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS NOS. A'11-71-4, A'11-72-1, and A'11-72-2. (B72-33) REJECTION OF BID.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the sole bid of Nick Vargas be rejected and the project be readvertised.

Council discussion was first directed to the present difficulties in obtaining bids -- the insurance factor, and the stringent requirements thereof, was also noted. It was the consensus of the Council that Staff work with the City Attorney in an evaluation of this situation. Mayor Miller requested comparable figures relative to the insurance cost, as well as a report on what is being done in other comparable cities in this regard.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was clarified that the subject consideration is not to be delayed; the requested information is a matter apart from Staff recommended action on Item #16.

REAL PROPERTY:

17. REQUEST BY CALIFORNIA WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL, to lease Airport land.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

In conformance with policy of handling Airport property leases, it is recommended that this request be referred to ANTS.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The requested 10-year lease was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz who pointed out that the Emergency Preparedness Commission is looking for an EOC Center in the same location, as well as the fact that the Master Plan should be taken into consideration.

18. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement for purchase of Parcel #5 for the widening of Carson Street with First Baptist Church of Torrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN

AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 5
FOR THE WIDENING OF CARSON STREET FROM
MANUEL AVENUE TO WESTERN AVENUE.

(First Baptist Church of Torrance)

— Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-193. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

19. NO STOPPING ANYTIME - TOW-AWAY on Hawthorne Boulevard between 182nd Street and 190th Street and between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard.

Traffic Engineering Associate Glass outlined the extensive Staff findings in this matter. It was specifically pointed out by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that the State of California is preparing to resurface Hawthorne Boulevard, a process which will include restriping either for curb parking or no curb parking, depending on the Council's decision in this matter.

The first speaker was Mr. Scott Robinson, owner of the Pontiac agency in the subject area, who presented a Traffic Commission report dated 8/21/72 indicating that Hawthorne Boulevard traffic is down 9,000 cars per year from last year. The present "no parking" signs (2:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.) offer no problems, according to Mr. Robinson -- he also noted the reluctance of people to drive into an automobile agency and apparently feel freer to automobile shop when their car is parked at the curb. Also pointed out by Mr. Robinson was the fact that Madrona and Anza will soon be through streets, as was the further fact the businesses on Hawthorne Boulevard (contributors of large sums of money to the City) cannot exist with the proposed "No Stopping Anytime". The recent construction on Hawthorne Boulevard has reduced his business some 20% to 30%, according to Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Russ Thor, VW Agency on Hawthorne Boulevard, confirmed that the recent street construction reduced his business 31% per day, and was due to the absence of parking at the curb -- the used car business likewise was reduced -- for the Council to even contemplate such action is "really pathetic".

A need to display his automobile merchandise prompted his move out to Hawthorne Boulevard, according to Mr. Vel Miletich who generally concurred with the above comments made by his competitors -- a "no parking" situation would have a disastrous effect on his business. A good hard look at this drastic proposal was recommended by Mr. Miletich.

Mr. Marvin Lazar, Del Amo Dodge, noted the heavy weekend traffic of automobile buyers and the impossibility of supplying offstreet parking for all these customers -- there is no doubt in his mind that the proposed no parking on Hawthorne will drive him out of business.

There was no one else present who wished to speak, and Mayor Miller invited Council comments at this time.

Councilman Wilson commented that traffic is acknowledged as the number one problem in Torrance -- the subject situation has been reviewed previously, with an attempt to understand the problem of the businessman. However, it is Dr. Wilson's feeling that unless something is done to ease the traffic further business losses will result -- the congestion would become unbearable and tend to drive people away; such a situation could not be offset by any parking at the curb. It was the further comment of Councilman Wilson that the imminent striping of the street by the State makes this the proper time to make the change. In conclusion, Dr. Wilson stated that it eventually will have to come, but it is going to take a little back-bone by way of the Council's position; the time is now.

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he was not so sure as to the inevitability of this -- the reduced traffic figures are significant -- a further important consideration is the businessmen's rights. The fact that someone has come in and built a mall should not penalize everyone down the street, in Mr. Uerkwitz' opinion -- perhaps "no parking" from Del Amo north would be of merit -- in any event, he is not anxious to run anyone out of business.

The major consideration, according to Councilman Sciarrotta, is how to solve traffic problems in the City of Torrance -- had it been desired to remain a small country town, that's one philosophy; but such has not been the case in Torrance during the last ten years with its astounding growth, with today's traffic its major problem.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that one cannot commit to becoming a regional shopping center on the one hand, and then on the other inhibit every opportunity to improve the flow of traffic -- there is certainly no desire to work a hardship on any type of business; however, there are off-street parking requirements imposed on other kinds of businesses in other parts of the City. Mr. Armstrong would favor ultimately passing the subject recommendation, with the indication that the cars will simply have to be reparked to make some room -- but it would be a mistake for the Council to bemoan the fact that there is traffic, say that something must be done, and then when there is a clear recommendation from the Police Department, the Traffic Commission, the Traffic Engineer, etc. inhibit such recommendation by saying "no, let's live a little longer with the traffic problem."

Mr. Scott Robinson spoke at this point -- in view of the decreased traffic, there is no urgency at this time; possibly in 4 or 5 years such action would be proper, but such is not the case at the present time. Mayor Miller stated that there is no desire to foreclose on any businessman, and inquired as to potential layout revisions which would provide off-street parking, were there Council approval of a six-month delay to permit such revisions. Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that there should be review on a realistic basis as to how to meet this situation.

It was added by Mayor Miller that the problem has long existed, and he would have no particular objections to a six-month delay -- however, for the record, were he to vote on the parking tonight, he would vote "no parking". It was further stated by the Mayor that when the Council goes on record as opposing a freeway, opposing metered off-ramps, then this Council must inherit the problems thereby created by cars and this Council must solve such problems.

Mayor Miller then specifically directed his remarks to the automobile agency representatives present advising them that, regardless of the action taken this date, "no parking anytime" on Hawthorne Blvd. is inevitable, and this forecast should be sufficient to warrant a serious study of the properties involved to provide off-street parking. It was indicated by the automobile agency representatives that, granted the 6 month delay, they would make every effort to resolve the situation.

Councilman Brewster indicated his considerable sympathy for the problem faced by the automobile agencies, and others, in this situation. Mr. Brewster then reminded those present of his stand in February that the only way traffic can ever be moved decently in the City of Torrance is by way of a good freeway system -- a stand that was rejected on the basis that there were other ways to go, such as widening of streets, removing of curbside parking, etc. It was subsequently found that widening of streets in the Victor Precinct could not be done, Mr. Brewster pointed out, and now the difficulties of removing curbside parking are evident. Councilman Brewster then stated that he has unsuccessfully tried to provide a solution -- therefore, the only alternative for him is to do what must be done to move traffic, since no one likes his freeway plan -- the curbside parking must be removed as soon as practical and feasible.

General discussion was directed to possible remedial avenues to alleviate some of the hardship earlier discussed; traffic needs on Hawthorne, north versus south, of Del Amo Boulevard; the effect of the Old Towne Mall opening; signalization, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council concur with delaying action in this matter for a six-month period, with the thought in mind that it would give the merchants in the area an opportunity to find possible solutions, to be brought back to the Council at that time for further action. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he is cognizant of the problem, and freeway or no freeway, the problem would remain -- there is no question that some alternative move is necessary, but it seems fair to give the people every opportunity to try to do what they can do to prepare for this -- six months, in Mr. Uerkwitz's opinion, is a very viable compromise.

Mayor Miller confirmed that the intent of the motion is that the "no parking" will take effect in six months, such time period for the purpose of permitting the businessmen to resolve the problems. The above motion, per Councilman Brewster, puts it on record that this will occur in six months. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that it likely would work out that way; however, should there be a meaningful plan evolved, it should not be precluded.

Previous action pertaining to holiday parking in this area was next discussed, it being noted that there have been no past restrictions, per minutes of December 7, 1971 -- it being the consensus of the Council that this matter is a separate consideration.

Councilman Wilson stated that he could not vote in favor of the motion on the floor, based on his previously expressed sentiments, and his feeling that a great injustice will be done to the citizens of Torrance.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that the above action merely delays the inevitable by saying six months, but it is important to provide an opportunity for those affected directly to permit them to do some thinking and planning on their own -- as far as Mr. Armstrong is concerned it is just a matter of "pulling the pages off the calendar" before it's all "no parking" on Hawthorne. 100% concurrence with these remarks was indicated by Councilman Brewster.

Councilman Surber indicated that his "yes" vote was with the above idea in mind -- Mr. Surber would concur with Councilman Uerkwitz in that the problem would be there with or without a freeway; he pointed out the many people who were present to concur with this on the night of that particular hearing.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he cannot agree that the "no parking" is inevitable -- he would like to leave that door open, in case a workable plan develops which might solve this particular problem.

Mayor Miller stated that he viewed the forthcoming six months not as "pulling pages off a calendar" but as a time for adjustment for these people -- they have a problem with this much time to solve it. At the conclusion of the six months, the Mayor will vote for "no parking".

It was the request of Mr. Lazar that, during the interim six-months, the Traffic Commission obtain an updated traffic count, which would include the effect of the Old Towne Mall opening; there were no objections to the request.

It was clarified, at Traffic Engineering Associate Glass' question, that this matter should be formally returned in six months (should the problem be worked out sooner by the businessmen, then it could, of course, be returned at that time). The matter of holiday parking arrangements should be presented to the Council as a formal agenda item with Staff recommendations, per Mayor Miller.

Notification procedures were next questioned by Mr. Lazar -- it was confirmed by Traffic Engineering Associate Glass that the notices were hand delivered to everyone on Hawthorne Boulevard by a Staff member. Councilman Surber recommended that notices regarding future matters of like importance be sent by mail, addressed to the concerned parties.

Councilman Brewster inquired as to the status of the proposed immediate resurfacing of Hawthorne Boulevard, in light of the above action -- Assistant City Manager Scharfman responded that it will now be necessary to advise the State that parking will be permitted during certain hours on certain sections of the street, and they will have to proceed on that basis. Councilman Brewster then confirmed that the requested study on all the major arterials in the City with regard to "no parking" is being pursued.

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The hour being 8:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 10-minute recess followed at 8:51 P.M.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 20. ORDINANCE AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING regarding Administrative Analyst.

ORDINANCE NO. 2359

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.41.1 OF PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW CLASSIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2359 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 21. RESOLUTIONS re: Rose Parade Float.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council adopt the resolutions authorizing agreements between the City of Torrance and the Forest Service as a cooperater, and the City of Torrance and C.E. Bent and Son to construct the float for the City.

The Park and Recreation Director's September 11th communication was corrected, as follows: last paragraph, second line: "of Torrance \$8,000;" (instead of \$7000) .

RESOLUTION NO. 72-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FOREST SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING OF COSTS FOR THE FLOAT "CALL OF THE WILD" TO BE ENTERED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE 1973 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-194. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND C.E. BENT AND SON, INC. FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ENTRY, DISPLAY AND OPERATION OF A FLOAT IN THE 1973 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-195 His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanmously favorable.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

22. PROPOSITION 20 - An Initiative Measure Creating a Coastal Zone Conservation Act.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the matter be referred to the Council's Committee on Legislative Liaison.

League of Women Voters president, Mrs. Vickie Birdsall, advised the Council of the League's role in placing Proposition 20 on the ballot; she deemed its passage extremely important to the residents of Torrance, and outlined the reasons therefor.

Mayor Miller pointed out the City Manager-recommended referral to the Legislative Liaison Committee, and noted the earlier scheduled October 3rd, 8:30 A.M. meeting of this Committee, where all comments will be invited and welcomed. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting hour, and it was agreed to reschedule the October 3rd meeting for 8:00 A.M. instead of 8:30.

Mr. Richard Hall, 4622 Paseo de las Tortugas, speaking as a private citizen, stated that Proposition 20 is basically "trust planning" for the entire State, and urged support of this Proposition. Mr. Hall described the benefits to be derived by Torrance and the assistance in solving many problems, including traffic, which will result from this legislation.

The president of Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Bud Skolich, stated that this Board has taken the unanimous position that the Council should support Proposition 20 -- a master plan for the coast is imperative.

Mrs. Patricia Goff, president, American Association of University Women, stated that the Torrance Branch is unanimously in favor of Proposition 20; it is also endorsed by the California State Division of AAUW -- this type of regional planning for the coast is absolutely essential.

Mrs. Grace Leer, 2662 West 232nd Street, South Bay Coordinator, Coastal Alliance, advised that a representative would be present at the Council Committee meeting, with all the technical material.

Mrs. Virginia Hilker, 421 Calle de Castellana, urged that the Council support Proposition 20 -- this Council and the City are to be commended for their efforts in maintaining open space; California coastal areas must be preserved, in keeping with these efforts.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Item #22 be referred to the Council Legislative Liaison Committee, scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 8:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and met with the approval of all but Councilman Surber who voted "no" for the reason that he knows his position as well as the previous speakers, and feels that he is qualified to vote tonight. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated a difference of opinion with the bill, but he has no objection to the committee returning with a report on it.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2356. ORDINANCE NO. 2356

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 236TH STREET AND 238TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-8.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2356 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2357.

ORDINANCE NO. 2357

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND TORRANCE BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-11.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2357 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Surber (not present at hearing).

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2358.

ORDINANCE NO. 2358

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT

CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE
EAST SIDE OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD BETWEEN
CALLE MIRAMAR AND CALLE MAYOR, AND DESCRIBED
IN ZONE CHANGE 72-12.

(Palos Verdes-Beverly-Nostrand Realty Company)

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2358 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong (heard case at Planning Commission
level);
Surber (not present at hearing)

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. JEFFERSON LEASE.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Considered together:

27. Ordinance re: ZC 71-13.
28. Study of the Southeast corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and
Yukon Avenue.

Mayor Miller noted that the interested parties were present, and invited their comments at this time.

The recent purchaser of the subject property, Mr. N. Pavlison, indicated his study of the voluminous reports in this matter, and the absence of any plans for development of the property as yet -- it was his request that the present zoning remain unchanged until development plans can be formulated.

Following discussion, the Council indicated there were no objections to the filing of the matter -- it was specifically pointed out by Councilman Brewster that the proponent should be aware that this Council is vitally concerned with the protection of the R-1 district immediately to the south and east of Mr. Pavlison's property, and whatever is proposed should have the proper amenities to protect that R-1 development already existing.

Mr. Nick Drale, 3431 West 171st Street, was also present and indicated no objections to the requested filing of the matter for the time being.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to file agenda items #27 and #28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with the exception of Councilman Armstrong who ABSTAINED, having heard the matter at Planning Commission level.

29. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-7, Torrance Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 2360

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-7.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2360 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. RESOLUTION amending Land Use Element of the General Plan of the City, adding Section G, Interim Open Space Plan.

RESOLUTION finding that all building permits issued and all subdivision maps approved between August 31, 1972 and September 26, 1972 were in compliance with the interim open space plan of the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ADDING SECTION G, INTERIM OPEN SPACE PLAN.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-196. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING THAT ALL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND ALL SUBDIVISION MAPS APPROVED BETWEEN AUGUST 31, 1972 AND SEPTEMBER 26, 1972, WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERIM OPEN SPACE PLAN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-197. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

31. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$481.95 to Action Specialty for 4000 vending machine license stickers and 2500 vehicle business license decals as requested by the License Department.
2. \$318.15 to Engine Parts Corporation for one only heavy-duty exchanged Ford truck engine - 391 cubic inch size - as requested by the City Garage as a replacement.
3. \$724.50 to I.R. Equipment Corporation for two only 60-pound Ingersoll-Rand pavement breakers as requested by the Street Department as replacements.
4. \$512.69 to Western Fire Equipment Company for one only fire fighting 3-way hydrant valve complete with six brass fittings/adaptors as requested by the Fire Department for Engine #4 service.
5. \$352.80 to Entenmann-Rovin Company for 21 total Policeman, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Services Officers badges as requested by the Police Department for new positions and recently promoted officers.
6. \$339.20 to Gaylord Bros. for 5000 catalogue card protectors; pressure-sensitive information labels and 700 pamphlet binders as requested by the City Librarian for use in their operation.
7. \$686.70 to Eastman Kodak Company for 120 rolls of microfilm as requested by the City Librarian for use in their microfilm reader program.
8. \$2053.24 to Campbell & Hall for 210 adult books and 76 juvenile books.
9. \$1667.93 to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company for one only motorized microfilm reader-printer Model 400M as requested by the City Clerk for use in the Records Department.
10. \$406.30 to Sears Commercial Sales for one only 19 cu.ft. refrigerator-freezer complete as requested by the Recreation Department as a replacement unit for Senior Citizens at Bartlett Center.
11. \$1286.25 to Western Highway Products for 150 "No Stopping" sign
110 porcelain truck route signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
12. \$2982.00 to E.L. Pearson and Associates for aerial photographic mapping service of the entire City of Torrance area as requested by the Airport, Engineering, Traffic and Lighting and Planning Departments.
13. \$1281.00 to Cataphote Company for 1000 lbs. of thermal street striping powder - yellow, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

14. \$446.25 to Howard Supply Company for 500 feet of 6" water pipe as requested by the Water Department for stock.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

15. \$362.42 to Park-Son, Inc. for one only 8" valve and 8" tapping sleeve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Harris Industrial Park. Payment has already been received.
16. \$754.95 to Hersey-Products for one only 8" Hersey water flow detector to L.A. City design as requested at the Harris Industrial Park. Payment has already been received.

32. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 28414.
 Subdivider: Don Wilson Builders
 Bonding Co.: General Insurance Company of America
 Bond No. 566041 - Amount \$5,900

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bond be released.

33. RENEWAL OF BUS LEASE - TIRE AGREEMENT - B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY, 1972-73 FISCAL YEAR.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/TRANSIT OPERATION SUPERVISOR: That Council approve of the renewing of this lease-tire contract for another year at the mileage rate of .01212 per bus mile (six tires) for 900-20; .01134 per bus mile (six tires) for 1000-20; and .01056 per bus mile (six tires) for 1110-20 which is subject to minor variation based on a periodic check of actual Torrance bus mileage experience. This rate is subject to change due to approved changes of the "average hourly wage rate" experienced by the B.F. Goodrich Tire Co., which is reviewed every six months.

34. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR FROZEN MEALS to feed "detained" personnel. Cooperative Contract with Los Angeles City - \$11,000.00 Annual Expenditure. (Ref. L.A. City Contract #41723)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of Torrance again joining with the City of Los Angeles to purchase these meals and approve of the awarding of a contract to I.B.M. Foods, Inc. in the anticipated amount of \$11,000 annual expenditure.

35. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Water Mains in Crenshaw Boulevard and between Hawthorne Boulevard and Park Street s/o Newton Street (B72-37)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That the contract be awarded to BOMAC Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected.
 (This project is financed by \$60,000 appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund on September 5, 1972.)

36. RELIEF OF REQUIREMENT TO INSTALL CONCRETE SIDEWALK at 5256 Doris Way (Jack De Bartolo)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the requirement for concrete sidewalks be waived.

37. CLAIM of Sibyl O'Harra for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and #37. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

38. EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCES re Granting of Entertainment Permits.

See Page 21.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

39. Councilman Armstrong noted Information Item A - communication from Supervisor Hayes re: improvement of Torrance Boulevard easterly of Prospect Avenue, and the comment therein: "I will also be happy to sponsor the necessary action making funds available to the City for acquisition of right-of-way on this section of Torrance Boulevard upon request." - and the need for response thereto.

C.E. Associate Bourbonnais advised that this item will appear on the October 3rd agenda.

40. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that the Ministerial Breakfast, with the City as host, has been scheduled for November -- the date of November 14th at 7:30 A.M. was confirmed by the Council.

41. Fire Chief Lucas reported the rewarding statistics pertaining to the accomplishments of the Paramedic operation in the Fire Department -- the report was most gratifying to the Council.

42. Councilman Armstrong announced, with considerable pleasure, the recent marriage of Mr. John Bramhall to the former Lynn Shidler -- the Council joined in good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bramhall.

43. Praise for "Airport Days" was expressed by Councilman Armstrong -- everyone connected with this event is to be commended for a fantastic show.

Mr. Armstrong added that the outstanding Torrance show, fortunately, was without tragedy, as happened in Sacramento under similar circumstances -- it was his request that Staff evaluate the findings in this accident to make sure that there no such implications for Torrance in its planning.

44. Drainage problems in the vicinity of Talisman between Deelane and Halison were reported by Councilman Armstrong, with a request for Staff investigation.

45. Plaudits for Supervisor Hayes and City Engineer Weaver in working out the earlier referred to agreement (Information Item A) were extended by Councilman Brewster, along with added praise for a successful "Airport Days."

Noted as well by Councilman Brewster was the recent communication from the Southern California Automobile Club advising that the former South Bay office is now the Torrance District Office -- a commendable move, in Mr. Brewster's opinion -- now let's recognize Torrance on the maps!

46. Pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta was recent information that TOPICS funds may be used in varied ways -- it is assumed that they will be used where the most good will result.

47. Interest in revenue sharing was established in Torrance in 1967, per Councilman Sciarrotta, under the President Johnson administration -- at that time, as he reported to Council, Mr. Sciarrotta had talked to quite a few Congressmen, and the Republicans were receptive to the idea of revenue sharing; the Democrats were not so enthusiastic at that time.

It was the further comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that it now appears that the amount which will be available to Torrance has been somewhat reduced -- the figure now being in the area of \$1,070,000 -- and it is hoped that the matter will now be expedited, and the million dollars to Torrance will then become a reality.

48. Councilman Surber joined in expressing appreciation to Staff for the excellent air show on Airport Days, and the overall success of the event.

49. "Torrance Day" at Los Angeles County Fair, attended by Councilman Surber, was likewise deemed a success by him -- much community cooperation was in evidence, and congratulations are in order to all who participated.

50. Thanks to Thom Mead for the Daily Breeze story on the Ogo suit was expressed by Councilman Surber.

51. Staff clarification pertaining to the relationship between the City and the Torrance Coordinating Council -- in light of a recent mailing and the use of City postage from the Police Department -- was requested by Councilman Surber. Assistant City Manager Scharfman will check on this matter, and report back.

52. Councilman Surber requested that thought be given to ideas pertaining to a Torrance display at the Los Angeles County Fair, in view of the large representation of other cities in this manner at the Fair.

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53. The installation of a/reproducing machine in the Police Department, which is open 24 hours per day, rather than at the Library which closes at 9:00 P.M. was requested for consideration by Councilman Surber. Assistant City Manager Scharfman will investigate, and report back.

54. Councilman Uerkwitz joined in extending congratulations to Staff for "Airport Days", and specifically noted the tremendous job done by Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield, minus any newspaper recognition, in coordinating this event; the praise ever seems directed to the Chamber of Commerce in the newspaper coverage.

55. The status of the Post Office questionnaire re: the Gardena mailing address for Torrance residents was questioned by Councilman Wilson; Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that, according to the Post Office, no change was desired by the residents -- however, the method of obtaining this information is being reviewed. The City of Carson's experience in this regard was described by Press Telegram reporter Bob Andrew, and Mr. Scharfman indicated that the City is working along similar lines.

56. Mayor Miller offered the following prepared oral communication re: Youth Involvement in Government:

"In recent weeks we have been kicking around possible ways of involving the youth of our community more and more in the actual process of local government.

"Councilman Armstrong, in particular, brought up the idea of Student Community Councils at the various high schools.

"I think the City has always had a concern for the involvement of youth. You can see it in our long-standing Junior Citizens' Day program and the ongoing Youth Council and Youth Commission.

"However, while Junior Citizens' Day is still a very meaningful way for the youth to be involved in government, I believe the counterpart 'role playing' segment of Junior Citizens' Day needs to be expanded upon to meet the needs of today's youth.

"Specifically, I propose that the youth from local high schools serve as interns assigned to the Mayor and individual City Councilmen.

"While this might be a new concept for City government, it has been successfully followed at the State and Federal levels of government, and I think the result in the past has been quite positive.

"These students should be selected by a process determined by both the City and School District. The interns would serve for a term of one semester and might spend from six to ten hours each week working with their counterparts and with members of the City Staff.

"The program, of course, would be entirely voluntary and would be outside of the regular school hours.

"I see the duties and responsibilities of these interns as assisting the Councilmen in determining the pulse of the community; learning the operations of government in relation to Mayor and Councilmanic responsibilities, and acting as the legislative, personal ombudsman assisting the legislator in responding to citizen complaints.

"I believe through these duties and responsibilities, the intern can gain a very in-depth view of the realities of City government.

"Such a program means that the youth would be directly involved in the very process of local democracy, not just acting out a part as a one-day Councilman, but actually participating in an ongoing job, helping a Councilman to represent an area.

"Of course, the program could only be as meaningful as the Councilman and the student, as a unit, make it. But, I am sure that you members of the Council are as deeply concerned with our Citizens of Tomorrow as I am.

"With that in mind, I would have great hopes for the possibility of such a program.

"Obviously, what I have given here is merely an outline of the program.

"I request that the Council authorize City Staff to work with the Youth Council, Youth Commission and the School District, to fully develop such a plan and to bring back to the City Council in the near future this plan so that Council might review it and hopefully initiate such a program as soon as possible."

The Council generally deemed the foregoing a "tremendous idea" -- the possibilities and the problems were both acknowledged -- and Staff was directed to so proceed.

Youth Council Chairman Jeff Tasker commended the proposed program -- a long overdue program, in his opinion, and deserving of expansion to incorporate department heads.

57. Mr. Bob Philpott, 2062 West 233rd Street, called the Council's attention to a likely illegal act at the corner of 233rd and Arlington at the sump located there wherein it appears gravel is being manufactured.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman provided the necessary clarification re: this activity and the City's role in this matter, the September 25th meeting on the site with interested parties, it being agreed that the operation was going as well as possible from the standpoint of minimum dust, noise, the exercise of safety. The contractor has agreed to present his case to the Planning Commission to request permission to conduct this business for 5 to 7 months longer, the remaining time needed to fill the hole -- Mr. Scharfman added that it is in the best interests of the City and the School District to have the hole filled properly, and it is desired that he do so; however, it is felt that a public hearing before the Planning Commission will enable everyone concerned to have a voice in the matter.

Mr. Scharfman advised Mr. Philpott that he would be advised of the Planning Commission hearing via SETHA; Mr. Philpott expressed his appreciation for the above clarification of this situation. Mr. Philpott was assured that there will be no more grinding during this interim period, although the hauling will continue.

58. Mr. William F. Felburg, 2511 West 233rd Street, was present to protest oil operations in residential areas, and to specifically protest the installation of a giant oil pump immediately next door to him, such installation occurring some two weeks ago, and being some 24 ft. in

height and for the purpose of converting the site to a producing well. Mr. Felburg noted the resultant depreciation to his property, and estimated that he had suffered damages of \$10,000.

Mr. Felburg then outlined his unrewarding quest for information via Mr. Ed Steinert, CWOD, and that desired reports are unattainable, as were answers to pertinent questions on legislation in this area.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon explained the circumstances experienced by the oil company which necessitated the installation of the subject pump (a procedure confirmed by Oil Board Chairman Babson) -- to the best Staff determination, this was not a redrill, but was reestablishing an oil well at an original oil well site; it is within an oil drilling district, and is within the recovery district -- and no violation can be established. Mr. McKinnon indicated his further understanding that CWOD has agreed to put in sound barriers and beautification at this site; he reiterated that there is no control in the present ordinance, and is a factor overlooked in its preparation.

Discussion was directed to the history of oil difficulties in Southeast Torrance, the latest difficulty now presented by a 24-ft. "monster" (so described by Councilman Armstrong), the unfortunate oversight in that there is no provision in the ordinance to review major equipment changes on existing sites, etc.

Mr. Felburg further reported action taken by him by way of a communication to DOG and Attorney General Yost, it being Mr. Yost's suggestion that Mr. Felburg mention the Mammoth Lakes case, just resolved, re: environmental impact statements. In conclusion, it was Mr. Felburg's comment that pumps next door to houses do not represent a planned community.

In view of the complexity of this matter, it was the request of Mayor Miller that this be made a formal agenda item -- it was agreed that this matter would be returned to the Council in two weeks, with Staff recommendations as to other areas in the ordinance that may have been overlooked, the requirement of an environmental impact study and the jurisdiction thereof, etc. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that an ordinance is presently being drafted, based on Mr. Felburg's presentation at the Oil Board, and will be ready for Council review, following Oil Board approval; Mr. Remelmeyer also described various studies and considerations now underway on the matter of oil wells.

Further speakers came forward at this time: Mrs. Arlo Creamer, 22720 Date Avenue, indicated a like "monster" adjacent to her home, and pointed out the constant hazard for children with such a structure. Mr. Henry Nowicki stated that there is something the Council can do by way of reviewing the Environmental Quality Act of 1970, passed by the State of California, in that this is the law being violated in this case. Mr. Nowicki further noted a recent Supreme Court ruling in this regard -- in his opinion, the City is responsible, under the Environmental Act, for providing an Environmental Impact Study. City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that he will further research this Act, it being his opinion at this time that it would not be applicable in this case.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that (1) there can be the in-depth meeting, with all the material furnished at the appropriate time in order to analyze this problem in considerable detail and try to find solutions; (2) with regard to Mr. Felburg's immediate problem, little can be done other than to invite CWOD to do all they can to cooperate in terms of beautifying the project that is there now (and the City should make every effort to bring CWOD to do that); and (3) to see that this situation does not reoccur in the immediate future until the study is complete and some permanent action has been taken, that the City Attorney return with an immediate Emergency Ordinance, modifying the oil ordinance by plugging the obvious loopholes and are admitted oversights, with regard to reviewing equipment changes for various kinds of conditions - for noise, safety for aesthetics, beautification, etc. Councilman Brewster so MOVED, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that he could provide such an Emergency Ordinance in one week, with the formal consideration of the matter to appear on the agenda in two weeks.

Mr. Irving Klintworth, 2524 West 230th Street, requested information pertaining to the property at 230th and Crenshaw, rezoned R-1, with later denial to CWOD of the right to drill in that area -- is it possible for any processing facilities to be built there, or do any more oil well drilling in that area since the zone still exists? Mayor Miller requested that this information be furnished on October 10th.

Mayor Miller then advised those present that the Emergency Ordinance will be considered on October 3rd; the formal review of the entire matter on October 10th.

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The hour being 11:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess for the purpose of considering current litigation -- the propriety of this was confirmed by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that Council action would be necessary, on completion of the Executive Session.

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The Council returned at 11:35 P.M.

38A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE re: Granting of Entertainment Permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 2361

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 35.5.1, 35.5.2 AND 35.5.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS BY THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD AND PROVIDING CRITERIA THEREFOR; ADDING SECTION 35.5.5 RELATING TO CHANGES IN FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

It was clarified by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the City's entertainment permit ordinance is in need of standards for the License Review Board in reviewing applications for entertainment permits -- in order to rectify that situation, the subject ordinance has been prepared which, hopefully, will provide standards sufficiently definite and certain to satisfy the courts as to compliance with constitutional requirements regarding such entertainment permits and the granting thereof by the License Review Board.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2361 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38B. REGULAR ORDINANCE re: Granting of Entertainment Permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 2362

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 35.5.1, 35.5.2 AND 35.5.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS BY THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD AND PROVIDING CRITERIA THEREFOR; ADDING SECTION 35.5.5 RELATING TO CHANGES IN FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2361 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2362 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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At 11:40 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance